

covered with the sub-panel 33 except a part thereof (referred to hereinafter as "normal display portion 34a"). The normal display portion 34a displays time and information representing telephone operation condition, such as POWER ON or the like. As shown in FIG. 10B, in the normal state, the sub-panel 33 is projected from the telephone body 31 as described above so that the whole of the display unit 34 is exposed and can be visually observed from the outside. In this state, the display unit 34 displays received data and information entered by the operation unit 36 or the like. According to the second embodiment, although the receiver 33 is projected from the telephone body 31 by a small amount as compared with the first embodiment because the front panel of the telephone body 31 is made flat as compared with the first embodiment, in the state shown in FIG. 10B, the receiver 33 is moved up to the position shown by a two-dot chain line in FIG. 9 so that the antenna 35 can be made distant from the user's body similarly to FIG. 8. According to the second embodiment, the thickness of the telephone body 31 can be reduced as compared with the first embodiment. Further, as shown in FIG. 10A, under the condition that a part of the display unit 34 is covered with the receiver 33 when the telephone is placed in the telephone call standby mode, the user can visually observe that the operation unit 36 cannot be operated. Thus, the user can be prevented from operating the telephone wrongly.

The telephone body can be arbitrarily changed in arrangement and structure and the supporting member, such as the panel having the receiver attached thereto, can also be changed in arrangement and shape in association therewith.

Having described preferred embodiments of the invention with reference to the accompanying drawings, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to those precise embodiments and that various changes and modifications could be effected therein by one skilled in the art without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A portable telephone comprising:

- a telephone body having an upper portion and a lower portion;
- a microphone attached to said lower portion of said telephone body;
- an antenna attached to said upper portion of said telephone body;
- a speaker; and
- a supporting mechanism mounted on said upper portion of said telephone body, for supporting said speaker attached thereto at a first position and a second position relative to said telephone body, said speaker being movable between said first position and said second position, movement of said speaker from said first position to said second position following a linear path and resulting in the speaker being in a front upper oblique direction relative to said telephone body, wherein at said second position said speaker is projected from said telephone body and wherein said supporting mechanism includes an arm pivotally attached to a side of said telephone body and said speaker is projected from said telephone body by pivoting said arm to an obtuse angle relative to a front surface of said telephone body.

2. A portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein said telephone body has a recess formed in said front surface thereof and at said first position said speaker is accommodated in said recess in said telephone body and at said

second position said speaker is forwardly projected from said front surface of said telephone body and positioned above said recess formed in said telephone body.

3. A portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein said telephone body includes a plurality of operation buttons disposed on said front surface thereof and at least one aperture formed in said front surface to facilitate communication through said microphone, said speaker being attached to said front surface of said telephone body by said supporting mechanism.

4. A portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein said telephone body includes a recess formed in said front surface thereof and further comprising a display unit disposed in said recess so that a part of said display unit is covered by said speaker when said portable telephone is at said first position in a telephone call standby mode.

5. A portable telephone according to claim 1, wherein said telephone body includes at least one operation button projected from said side of said telephone body, and said speaker includes an attachment member to which said supporting mechanism is attached, and a thickness of said attachment member is greater than a height of said operation button projecting above said side surface of said telephone body.

6. A portable telephone comprising:

- a telephone body having a front surface;
- a microphone attached to one end of said telephone body;
- an antenna attached to an other end of said telephone body, said one end and said other end defining a length of said telephone body;

a speaker located at said one end of said telephone body; and

supporting means mounted on said telephone body, for supporting said speaker attached thereto at a first position and a second position relative to said telephone body, said speaker being moveable from said first position to said second position by following a linear path and resulting in the speaker being in a front upper oblique direction away from said antenna and said front surface so that a distance between said speaker and said microphone is increased and a predetermined angle is formed with respect to said length of said telephone body, wherein said supporting means includes at least a pair of arms pivotally attached to a side of said telephone body and to said speaker and said pair of arms are pivoted to an obtuse angle relative to said front surface of said telephone body when said speaker is moved to said second position.

7. A portable telephone according to claim 6, wherein said telephone body includes a recess formed in said front surface thereof and further comprising a display unit disposed in said recess so that at least a part of said display unit is covered with said speaker when said speaker is at said first position.

8. A portable telephone according to claim 6, wherein said telephone body includes a plurality of operation buttons disposed on a central portion of said front surface thereof and at least one aperture formed in said front surface so as to communicate with said microphone, said speaker being attached to said front surface of said telephone body by said supporting means.

9. A portable telephone according to claim 8, wherein said telephone body includes a recess formed in said front surface thereof and further comprising a display unit disposed in said recess so that part of said display unit is covered by said speaker when said portable telephone is in a telephone call standby mode.